REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 12 and 13 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

To obviate the pending obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,261,504.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkens & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47097-01072USP1.

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